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IMPLEMENTATION OF IMNCI SCHEME

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI) in some selected districts across the country;
- (b) if so, the major highlights of the scheme;
- (c) the names of the States where this scheme is being implemented at present;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to implement this scheme throughout the country; and
- (e) if so, the time by when this scheme is likely to be implemented in all districts of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): Yes Sir. The Government has initiated implementation of Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI) in some selected districts across the country. This Scheme provides a holistic management of the commonest causes of neonatal, infant and under five child deaths - infections in the first month of life (Neonates), pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, malaria and fever. There is also an important component of promotion of breastfeeding, complementary feeding from six months of age onwards and sustenance of good nutrition. It has three components viz. improving skills of health workers, strengthening health systems and community participation. It involves training of about 4000 personnel per district and thus each district would take at least two years to be covered under IMNCI. The states where this Scheme is being implemented are Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Assam Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhatisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand,, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Pondicherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Under the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme which is being implemented under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), this scheme is to be implemented throughout the country in a phased manner. As per the RCH implementation plan, at least 125 districts of the country would implement the IMNCI by 2010.